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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

GERALD BLATT

Application No. 09/289,000

Filed: February 25, 1997

For: JOINT TREATING METHOD

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Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicant requests an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 30, 2002, please amend this application as indicated below.

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